

50 YEARS LATER

Women, Work & the Work Ahead

How have things changed for women in the labor force over the last 50 years?



1963
38%

WOMEN'S
LABOR FORCE
PARTICIPATION
IS UP BY
53%

2012
58%



SEVERAL INITIATIVES
HAVE BEEN TAKEN
TO PROMOTE
EQUALITY FOR
WORKING
WOMEN

1961
President's
Commission
on the Status
of Women

1964
Civil Rights
Act of 1964

1972
Title IX of the
Education
Amendments

1991
Civil Rights
Act of 1991

2009
Lilly Ledbetter
Fair Pay Act

1938
Fair Labor
Standards
Act

1963
Equal Pay
Act

1967
Executive
Order
11375

1978
Pregnancy
Discrimination
Act

1993
Family
and Medical
Leave Act

2010
Patient
Protection and
Affordable Care
Act



LABOR FORCE
PARTICIPATION
OF MOTHERS
HAS GROWN
BY **30%**

1962
54.4%

WORKING
MOTHERS

2012
70.5%



WOMEN'S
EDUCATIONAL
ATTAINMENT
HAS INCREASED
SIGNIFICANTLY

1962
6.7%

2012
30.6%

Completed
4 Years
of College
or More

1962
47.5%

2012
88.0%

Completed
High School
or More



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All data are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Census Bureau.

Data for 1962 were used when data for 1963 were unavailable.